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### **REMARKS**

As noted previously, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application.

Claims 1-7 remain in the application. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled by the present amendment.

Applicant requests reconsideration and further examination of the subject application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102***

Concerning items 1-2 of the Office Action, claims 8-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,115,630 to Lanford ("Lanford"). As noted above, claims 8-9 have been canceled, thus without acceding to its propriety, the rejection has been rendered moot.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Concerning item 3 of the Office Action, Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-7. Further, Applicant agrees that claims 1-7 are allowable, for at least the reasons noted by the Examiner.

### ***Conclusion***

In view of the amendments and remarks submitted herein, applicant believes that all claims in the present application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for the application.

If a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited

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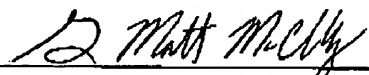
to telephone the undersigned.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our deposit account no. 50-1133, for any fees(s) required for the prosecution of the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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